

**CLAIMS**

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

- 1 1. A messaging system comprising:
  - 2 an interactive system for production and interchange of messages by
  - 3 users over a network;
  - 4 a topic separator receiving user messages and separating messages
  - 5 according to different topics; and
  - 6 a user interface, coupled to said topic separator, for representing in a
  - 7 distinct way parts of messages that were separated by said topic separator.
- 1 2. The messaging system as in claim 1, further comprising a time synchronizer
- 2 for time stamping messages, the topic separator being responsive to said time
- 3 synchronizer to determine relationships between messages.
- 1 3. The messaging system as in claim 1, wherein said user interface displays
- 2 messages in windows according to topic.
- 1 4. The messaging system as in claim 1, wherein said user interface displays
- 2 messages in different colors according to topic.
- 1 5. The messaging system as in claim 1, further comprising a security system to
- 2 verify a user's identity.
- 1 6. The messaging system as in claim 5, wherein said security system includes a
- 2 database of questions from which random questions are posed to a user and

3 whereby verification of validity of answers to posed questions is done by users  
4 of the system.

1 7. The messaging system as in claim 5, wherein said security system includes a  
2 biometric module for verification of a user's identify.

1 8. A method of conducting a messaging session at a user's computer between  
2 two or more users over a network comprising the steps of:  
3 receiving a message over the network from a user;  
4 identifying a topic of the received message;  
5 determining if the topic of the received message has changed from a  
6 previous message;  
7 determining if a changed topic is a new topic; and  
8 if a new topic, opening a new window to display the received message.

1 9. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 8, wherein if  
2 the topic of a received message has not changed, further comprising the step of  
3 displaying the received message in a currently opened window.

1 10. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 8, wherein  
2 if a changed topic is not a new topic, further comprising the step of displaying  
3 the received message in a previously opened window.

1 11. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 8, further  
2 comprising the step of identifying a time of a received message, the steps of  
3 determining if the topic of the received message has changed from a previous  
4 message and determining if a changed topic is a new topic using the time of the  
5 received message to determine whether the topic has changed or is a new

6 topic.

1 12. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 8, further  
2 comprising the step of checking a user's identity.

1 13. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 12, wherein  
2 the step checking a user's identity comprises the steps of asking the user  
3 random questions and evaluating the user's answers.

1 14. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 13, wherein  
2 the step of evaluating the user's answers is performed by another user.

1 15. The method of conducting a messaging session recited in claim 12, wherein  
2 the step of checking a user's identity is performed using biometrics.